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In re Application of:

William E. Woollenweber and Jon A. Meyer

Examiner: Not Known

Serial No.: 10/736,094

Group Art Unit No.: Not Known

Filing Date: December 15, 2003

For: BEARING SYSTEM FOR HIGH-SPEED
ROTATING MACHINERY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents identified herein and on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The Examiner should note that this patent application is a continuation-in-part of the following patent applications of William E. Woollenweber, which are not enclosed: co-pending application Serial No. 09/978,935, filed October 16, 2001; co-pending application Serial No. 10/158,310, filed May 30, 2002; and co-pending application Serial No. 10/369,801, filed February 20, 2003. Only copies of the listed

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The documents now cited are the following:

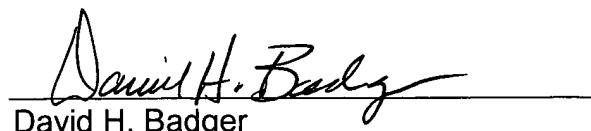
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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the identified documents be made of record
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